

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
WEST PALM BEACH DIVISION

CASE NO.:

HOWARD COHAN,

Plaintiff,

vs.

INJUNCTIVE RELIEF SOUGHT

LUFF'S FISH HOUSE, LLC, a Florida Limited
Liability Company; TRATTORIA ROMANA, INC.,
a Florida Profit Corporation,

Defendant(s).

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, HOWARD COHAN ("Plaintiff"), by and through the undersigned counsel, hereby files this Complaint and sues LUFF'S FISH HOUSE, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company and TRATTORIA ROMANA, INC., a Florida Profit Corporation, (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Defendants"), for declaratory and injunctive relief, attorneys' fees, expenses and costs (including, but not limited to, court costs and expert fees) pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 12182 et. seq., and the 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") and alleges as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. This is a complaint for breach of contract and injunctive relief seeking enforcement of the Settlement Agreement and Release (copy attached as Exhibit A) reached in the cases of HOWARD COHAN v. LUFF'S FISH HOUSE, LLC, 9:20-cv-81365-DMM (S.D. Fla.) (dismissed by order upon settlement) and HOWARD COHAN v. TRATTORIA ROMANA, INC., 9:20-cv-81437-AHS (S.D. Fla.) (dismissed by order upon settlement) which arose out of Plaintiff's claim

of discrimination caused by certain barriers encountered by Plaintiff on Defendants' properties that prevented Plaintiff from the full and equal enjoyment of places of public accommodation in violation of Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

2. This Court is vested with original jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1343 for Plaintiff's claims arising under Title 42 U.S.C. § 12182 et. seq., based on Defendant's violations of Title III of the ADA. *See also*, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201, 2202, as well as the 2010 ADA Standards.

3. Venue is proper in this Court, West Palm Beach Division, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(B) and Internal Operating Procedures for the United States District Court For the Southern District of Florida in that all events giving rise to the lawsuit occurred in Palm Beach County, Florida.

PARTIES

4. Plaintiff, HOWARD COHAN is *sui juris* and is a resident of the State of Florida residing in Palm Beach County, Florida.

5. Upon information and belief, Defendant, LUFF'S FISH HOUSE, LLC, is the lessee, operator, owner and lessor of a certain Real Property, which is subject to this suit, and is located at 390 E Palmetto Park Rd, Boca Raton, FL 33432, ("Luff's Fish House"), and is the owner of the improvements where Luff's Fish House is located.

6. Upon information and belief, Defendant, TRATTORIA ROMANA, INC., is the lessee, operator, owner and lessor of a certain Real Property, which is subject to this suit, and is located at 499 East Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton, FL 33432, ("Trattoria Romana"), and is the owner of the improvements where Trattoria Romana is located.

7. Defendants are entities under common ownership. This same common owns the entity that is the lessee, operator, owner and lessor of a certain Real Property, which is subject to this suit, and is located at 9101 Lakeridge Blvd, Boca Raton, FL 33496, (“Cannoli Kitchen”), and is the owner of the improvements where Cannoli Kitchen is located.

8. Luff’s Fish House, Trattoria Romana, and Cannoli Kitchen are hereinafter collectively referred to as “the Premises”.

9. Defendants are authorized to conduct, and are in fact conducting, business within the state of Florida.

10. Plaintiff is an individual with numerous permanent disabilities including severe spinal stenosis of the lumbar spine with spondylolisthesis; severe spinal stenosis of the cervical spine with nerve root compromise on the right side; a non-union fracture of the left acromion (shoulder); a labral tear of the left shoulder; a full thickness tear of the right rotator cuff; a right knee medial meniscal tear; a repaired ACL and bilateral meniscal tear of the left knee; and severe basal joint arthritis of the left thumb. The above listed permanent disabilities and symptoms cause sudden onsets of severe pain and substantially limit Plaintiff’s major life activities. As such, Plaintiff suffered from a “qualified disability” under the ADA. 42 U.S.C § 12101, *et seq.*

11. On the following dates, Plaintiff visited the Premises:

- a. Luff’s Fish House – March 8, 2020 and May 18, 2020;
- b. Trattoria Romana – July 1, 2020; and
- c. Cannoli Kitchen – March 6, 2020.

At the time of these visits by Plaintiff to the Premises, Plaintiff required the use of fully accessible restrooms, fully accessible paths of travel throughout the facility, and fully accessible eating and service areas. Plaintiff personally visited the Premises, but was denied full and equal access and

full and equal enjoyment of the facilities, services, goods, and amenities within the Premises, even though he was a “bona fide patron”.

12. The Premises are public accommodations as defined by Title III of the ADA and as such are governed by the ADA.

13. On or about August 1, 2020, Plaintiff filed a lawsuit against Defendant, LUFF'S FISH HOUSE, LLC, seeking to force Defendant to comply with the ADA and applicable regulations thereto. See HOWARD COHAN v. LUFF'S FISH HOUSE, LLC, 9:20-cv-81365-DMM (S.D. Fla.). (hereinafter “Luff’s Action”)

14. On or about August 28, 2020, Plaintiff filed a lawsuit against Defendant, TRATTORIA ROMANA, INC., seeking to force Defendant to comply with the ADA and applicable regulations thereto. See HOWARD COHAN v. TRATTORIA ROMANA, INC., 9:20-cv-81437-AHS (S.D. Fla.). (hereinafter “Trattoria Action”)

15. Following the filing of the Luff’s Action and the Trattoria Action, Plaintiff forwarded to Defendants allegations of violations of Title II of the ADA at Cannoli Kitchen. (hereinafter “Cannoli Action”)

16. In November of 2020, the Luff’s Action and the Trattoria Action were dismissed upon stipulation and notice to the U.S. District Court that the parties had settled.

17. In connection with said dismissals, Plaintiff and Defendants entered into a Global Settlement Agreement and Release (Exhibit A) on or about October 14, 2020.

18. The Settlement Agreement and Release required Defendants to:

- a. Perform all modifications at Trattoria Romana as required by Plaintiff’s Preliminary Expert Report by on or about October 16, 2021.

- b. Perform all modifications at Luff's Fish House as required by Plaintiff's Preliminary Expert Report by on or about October 16, 2021.
 - c. Perform all modifications at Cannoli Kitchen as required by Plaintiff's Preliminary Expert Report by on or about October 16, 2022.
19. Defendants have failed to complete the required modification(s) to the Premises as required by the ADA and the Global Settlement Agreement and Release and Defendants have failed to give notice of any reasons or documentation for non-compliance.
20. Plaintiff again personally visited Defendants' Premises on the following dates (and prior to instituting this action):
- a. Luff's Fish House – May 23, 2022;
 - b. Trattoria Romana – July 1, 2020; and
 - c. Cannoli Kitchen – March 6, 2020.
21. Plaintiff required the use of fully accessible restrooms, fully accessible paths of travel throughout the facility, and fully accessible eating and service areas. Plaintiff was denied full and equal access and full and equal enjoyment of the facilities, services, goods, and amenities within the Premises, even though was "bona fide patron".
22. Plaintiff, in his individual capacity, will absolutely return to the Premises and avail himself of the services offered when Defendants modify the Premises or modify the policies and practices to accommodate individuals who have physical disabilities.
23. Plaintiff is continuously aware of the violations at the Premises and is aware that it would be a futile gesture to return to the Premises as long as those violations exist, and Plaintiff is not willing to suffer additional discrimination.

24. Plaintiff has suffered, and will continue to suffer, direct and indirect injury as a result of Defendants' discrimination until Defendants are compelled to comply with the requirements of the ADA.

25. Plaintiff would like to be able to be a patron of the Premises in the future and be able to enjoy the goods and services that are available to the able-bodied public, but is currently precluded from doing so as a result of Defendants' discriminatory conduct as described herein. Plaintiff will continue to be precluded from using the Premises until corrective measures are taken at the Premises to eliminate the discrimination against persons with physical disabilities.

26. Completely independent of the personal desire to have access to this place of public accommodation free of illegal barriers to access, Plaintiff also acts as a "tester" for the purpose of discovering, encountering and engaging discrimination against the disabled in public accommodations. When acting as a "tester", Plaintiff employs a routine practice. Plaintiff personally visits the public accommodation; engages all of the barriers to access, or at least of those that Plaintiff is able to access; tests all of those barriers to access to determine whether and the extent to which they are illegal barriers to access; proceeds with legal action to enjoin such discrimination; and subsequently returns to Premises to verify its compliance or non-compliance with the ADA and to otherwise use the public accommodation as members of the able-bodied community are able to do. Independent of other subsequent visits, Plaintiff also intends to visit the Premises regularly to verify its compliance or non-compliance with the ADA, and its maintenance of the accessible features of Premises. In this instance, Plaintiff, in Plaintiff's individual capacity and as a "tester", visited Premises, encountered barriers to access at Premises, and engaged and tested those barriers, suffered legal harm and legal injury, and will continue to suffer such harm and injury as a result of the illegal barriers to access and the ADA violations set

forth herein. It is Plaintiff's belief that said violations will not be corrected without Court intervention, and thus Plaintiff will suffer legal harm and injury in the near future.

27. Plaintiff, in his capacity as a tester, will absolutely return to the Premises when Defendants modify the Premises or modify the policies and practices to accommodate individuals who have physical disabilities to confirm said modifications have been completed in accordance with the requirements of the ADA.

COUNT I
VIOLATIONS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

28. Plaintiff adopts and re-alleges the allegations stated in paragraphs 1 through 27 above as if fully stated herein.

29. On July 26, 1990, Congress enacted the Americans With Disabilities Act ("ADA"), 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et. seq. Commercial enterprises were provided one and a half (1.5) years from enactment of the statute to implement its requirements. The effective date of Title III of the ADA was January 26, 1992, or January 26, 1993 if Defendant(s) have ten (10) or fewer employees and gross receipts of \$500,000.00 or less. *See* 42 U.S.C. § 12182; 28 C.F.R. § 36.508(a).

30. Congress found, among other things, that:

- a. some 43,000,000 Americans have one or more physical or mental disabilities, and this number shall increase as the population continues to grow older;
- b. historically, society has tended to isolate and segregate individuals with disabilities and, despite some improvements, such forms of discrimination against disabled individuals continue to be a pervasive social problem, requiring serious attention;
- c. discrimination against disabled individuals persists in such critical areas as employment, housing, public accommodations, transportation, communication,

recreation, institutionalization, health services, voting and access to public services and public facilities;

- d. individuals with disabilities continually suffer forms of discrimination, including outright intentional exclusion, the discriminatory effects of architectural, transportation, and communication barriers, failure to make modifications to existing facilities and practices. Exclusionary qualification standards and criteria, segregation, and regulation to lesser services, programs, benefits, or other opportunities; and,
- e. the continuing existence of unfair and unnecessary discrimination and prejudice denies people with disabilities the opportunity to compete on an equal basis and to pursue those opportunities for which our country is justifiably famous, and accosts the United States billions of dollars in unnecessary expenses resulting from dependency and non-productivity.

42 U.S.C. § 12101(a)(1)-(3),(5) and (9).

31. Congress explicitly stated that the purpose of the ADA was to:

- a. provide a clear and comprehensive national mandate for elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities;
- b. provide clear, strong, consistent, enforceable standards addressing discrimination against individuals with disabilities; and
- c. invoke the sweep of congressional authority, including the power to enforce the fourteenth amendment and to regulate commerce, in order to address the major areas of discrimination faced on a daily basis by people with disabilities.

U.S.C. § 12101(b)(1)(2) and (4).

32. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 12182(7), 28 C.F.R. § 36.104 and the 2010 ADA Standards, the Premises are places of public accommodation covered by the ADA by the fact the Premises provide services to the general public and must be in compliance therewith.

33. Defendants have discriminated and continue to discriminate against Plaintiff and others who are similarly situated, by denying access to, and full and equal enjoyment of goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages and/or accommodations located at the Premises, as prohibited by 42 U.S.C. § 12182 and 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et. seq., and by failing to remove architectural barriers pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 12182(b)(2)(A)(iv).

34. Plaintiff has visited the Premises, and has been denied full and safe equal access to the facilities and therefore suffered an injury in fact.

35. Plaintiff would like to return and enjoy the goods and/or services at the Premises on a spontaneous, full and equal basis. However, Plaintiff is precluded from doing so by Defendants' failure and refusal to provide disabled persons with full and equal access to their facilities. Therefore, Plaintiff continues to suffer from discrimination and injury due to the architectural barriers that are in violation of the ADA.

36. Pursuant to the mandates of 42 U.S.C. § 12134(a), on July 26, 1991, the Department of Justice, Officer of the Attorney General promulgated Federal Regulations to implement the requirements of the ADA. *See* 28 C.F.R. § 36 and its successor the 2010 ADA Standards ADA Accessibility guidelines (hereinafter referred to as "ADAAG"), 28 C.F.R. § 36, under which said Department may obtain civil penalties of up to \$55,000.00 for the first violation and \$110,000.00 for and subsequent violation.

37. Based on a preliminary inspection of the Premises, Defendants are in violation of 42 U.S.C. § 12182 et. seq. and the 2010 American Disabilities Act Standards et. seq., and is discriminating against Plaintiff as a result of, inter alia, the following specific violations:

I. Luff's Fish House

Outdoor Patio Seating West Side of Restaurant

- a. Failure to provide seating for a person(s) with a disability that has the correct clear floor space for forward approach in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 902, 902.2, 305 and 306.
- b. Failure to provide a sufficient amount of seating when dining surfaces are provided for the consumption of food or drink for a person(s) with a disability in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 226, 226.1, 902, 305 and 306.

Access to Bar and Restrooms West Side of Patio

- c. Providing a swinging door or gate with improper maneuvering clearance(s) due to a wall or some other obstruction in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 404, 404.1, 404.2, 404.2.4 and 404.2.4.1.

Ramp East and West Patio to Lower Level

- d. Failure to provide bilateral handrails on a ramp that has a rise greater than 6 inches or in a horizontal projection greater than 72 inches in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 405, 405.1, 405.8, 505 and/or §4.8.5 of the 1991 ADA Standards.

Outdoor Patio Seating East Side of Restaurant

- e. Failure to provide seating for a person(s) with a disability that has the correct clear floor space for forward approach in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 902, 902.2, 305 and 306.

- f. Failure to provide a sufficient amount of seating when dining surfaces are provided for the consumption of food or drink for a person(s) with a disability in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 226, 226.1, 902, 305 and 306.

Outdoor Seating in Front of Restaurant

- g. Failure to provide seating for a person(s) with a disability that has the correct clear floor space for forward approach in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 902, 902.2, 305 and 306.
- h. Failure to provide a sufficient amount of seating when dining surfaces are provided for the consumption of food or drink for a person(s) with a disability in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 226, 226.1, 902, 305 and 306.

Indoor Restaurant Seating

- i. Failure to provide seating for a person(s) with a disability that has the correct clear floor space for forward approach in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 902, 902.2, 305 and 306.
- j. Failure to provide a sufficient amount of seating when dining surfaces are provided for the consumption of food or drink for a person(s) with a disability in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 226, 226.1, 902, 305 and 306.

Accessible Restroom South

- k. Failure to provide the proper insulation or protection for plumbing or other sharp or abrasive objects under a sink or countertop in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 606 and 606.5.

- l. Providing a swinging door or gate with improper maneuvering clearance(s) due to a wall or some other obstruction in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 404, 404.1, 404.2, 404.2.4 and 404.2.4.1.
- m. Failure to provide paper towel dispenser at the correct height above the finished floor in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 606, 606.1 and 308.
- n. Failure to provide sufficient clear floor space around a water closet without any obstructing elements in this space in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§4.22.3, 603, 603.2.3, 604, 604.3 and 604.3.1.
- o. Failure to provide sufficient clear floor space around a water closet without any obstructing elements in this space in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§4.22.3, 603, 603.2.3, 604, 604.3 and 604.3.1. (trash can)
- p. Failure to provide mirror(s) located above lavatories or countertops at the proper height above the finished floor in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 603 and 603.3.
- q. Failure to provide proper knee clearance for a person with a disability under a counter or sink element in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 306, 306.1 306.3, 606 and 606.2
- r. Failure to provide toilet paper dispensers in the proper position in front of the water closet or at the correct height above the finished floor in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 604, 604.7 and 309.4.

Accessible Restroom West

- s. Failure to provide the correct spacing for a forward or parallel approach to an element due to a wall or some other obstruction in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 305 and 306.

- t. Failure to provide the proper insulation or protection for plumbing or other sharp or abrasive objects under a sink or countertop in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 606 and 606.5.
- u. Failure to provide mirror(s) located above lavatories or countertops at the proper height above the finished floor in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 603 and 603.3.
- v. Failure to provide paper towel dispenser at the correct height above the finished floor in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 606, 606.1 and 308.

Pathway to Restrooms

- w. Failure to provide a doorway or walkway with a minimum clear width for person(s) with a disability in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 403, 403.5, 403.5.1 and 404.2.3.

Main Bar

- x. Providing counter heights exceeding 36 inches making it impossible to service a person with a disability in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 904, 904.4, 904.4.1, 904.4.2, 305 and 306.
- y. Failure to provide accessible seating for person(s) with a disability at a bar or adjacent table in the bar area, recreational area or a table area adjacent to a pool for food or beverage service, or at a computer work surface such as in a business center, in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 902, 902.1, 902.2, 902.3, 305, 306 and/or §4.32.4 of the 1991 ADA Standards.
- z. Failure to provide seating for a person(s) with a disability that has the correct clear floor space for forward approach in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 902, 902.2, 305 and 306.

- aa. Failure to provide a sufficient amount of seating when dining surfaces are provided for the consumption of food or drink for a person(s) with a disability in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 226, 226.1, 902, 305 and 306.

II. Trattoria Romana

Outdoor Seating

- a. Failure to provide seating for a person(s) with a disability that has the correct clear floor space for forward approach in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 902, 902.2, 305 and 306.
- b. Failure to provide a sufficient amount of seating when dining surfaces are provided for the consumption of food or drink for a person(s) with a disability in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 226, 226.1, 902, 305 and 306.

Bar and Bar Area

- c. Providing counter heights exceeding 36 inches making it impossible to service a person with a disability in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 904, 904.4, 904.4.1, 904.4.2, 305 and 306.
- d. Failure to provide accessible seating for person(s) with a disability at a bar or adjacent table in the bar area, recreational area or a table area adjacent to a pool for food or beverage service, or at a computer work surface such as in a business center, in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 902, 902.1, 902.2, 902.3, 305, 306 and/or §4.32.4 of the 1991 ADA Standards.
- e. Failure to provide required accessible seating for person(s) with a disability at a bar or adjacent table exceeding 34 inches in the bar area in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 902, 902.1, 902.3

- f. Failure to provide seating for a person(s) with a disability that has the correct clear floor space for forward approach in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 902, 902.2, 305 and 306.
- g. Failure to provide a sufficient amount of seating when dining surfaces are provided for the consumption of food or drink for a person(s) with a disability in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 226, 226.1, 902, 305 and 306.

Men's Restroom General

- h. Failure to provide the proper insulation or protection for plumbing or other sharp or abrasive objects under a sink or countertop in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 606 and 606.5.
- i. Providing sinks and/or countertops that are greater than the 34 inch maximum allowed above the finished floor or ground in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 606 and 606.3.
- j. Failure to provide mirror(s) located above lavatories or countertops at the proper height above the finished floor in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 603 and 603.3.
- k. Failure to provide paper towel dispenser at the correct height above the finished floor in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 606, 606.1 and 308.

Men's Restroom Accessible Stall

- l. Failure to provide flush controls located on the open side of the water closet in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 309, 309.4, 604 and 604.6
- m. Failure to provide grab bars at 33 inches minimum and 36 inches maximum above the finished floor measured to the top of the gripping surface in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 609, 609.4 and 609.7.

- n. Failure to provide grab bars at 33 inches minimum and 36 inches maximum above the finished floor measured to the top of the gripping surface in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 609, 609.4 and 609.7.
- o. Failure to provide a coat hook within the proper reach ranges for a person with a disability in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 603, 603.4 and 308.
- p. Failure to provide operable parts that are functional or are in the proper reach ranges as required for a person with a disability in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 309, 309.1, 309.3, 309.4 and 308.
- q. Failure to provide the proper insulation or protection for plumbing or other sharp or abrasive objects under a sink or countertop in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 606 and 606.5.
- r. Failure to provide proper knee clearance for a person with a disability under a counter or sink element in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 306, 306.1 306.3, 606 and 606.2
- s. Failure to provide a coat hook within the proper reach ranges for a person with a disability in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 603, 603.4 and 308.
- t. Failure to provide paper towel dispenser at the correct height above the finished floor in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 606, 606.1 and 308.
- u. Providing grab bars of improper horizontal length or spacing as required along the rear or side wall in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 604, 604.5, 604.5.1 and 604.5.2.

III. Cannoli Kitchen

Men's Restroom General

- a. Failure to provide proper signage for an accessible restroom or failure to redirect a person with a disability to the closest available accessible restroom facility in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 216, 216.2, 216.6, 216.8, 603, 703, 703.1, 703.2, 703.5 and 703.7.2.1.
- b. Failure to provide soap dispenser at the correct height above the finished floor in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 606, 606.1 and 308.
- c. Failure to provide the correct spacing for a forward or parallel approach to an element due to a wall or some other obstruction in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 305 and 306.
- d. Failure to provide proper knee clearance for a person with a disability under a counter or sink element in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 306, 306.1 306.3, 606 and 606.2
- e. Failure to provide the proper insulation or protection for plumbing or other sharp or abrasive objects under a sink or countertop in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 606 and 606.5.
- f. Failure to provide mirror(s) located above lavatories or countertops at the proper height above the finished floor in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 603 and 603.3.

Men's Restroom Accessible Stall

- g. Providing grab bars of improper horizontal length or spacing as required along the rear wall in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 604, 604.5, 604.5.1 and 604.5.2.
- h. Providing grab bars of improper horizontal length or spacing as required along the side wall in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 604, 604.5, 604.5.1 and 604.5.2.

- i. Failure to provide mirror(s) located above lavatories or countertops at the proper height above the finished floor in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 603 and 603.3.
- j. Failure to provide the proper spacing between a grab bar and an object projecting out of the wall in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 609, 609.1 and 609.3. (soap dispenser)
- k. Failure to provide paper towel dispenser at the correct height above the finished floor in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 606, 606.1 and 308.
- l. Failure to provide operable parts that are functional or are in the proper reach ranges as required for a person with a disability in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 309, 309.1, 309.3, 309.4 and 308.
- m. Failure to provide a coat hook within the proper reach ranges for a person with a disability in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 603, 603.4 and 308.
- n. Failure to provide proper knee clearance for a person with a disability under a counter or sink element in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 306, 306.1 306.3, 606 and 606.2

Outdoor Seating

- o. Failure to provide seating for a person(s) with a disability that has the correct clear floor space for forward approach in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 902, 902.2, 305 and 306.
- p. Failure to provide a sufficient amount of seating when dining surfaces are provided for the consumption of food or drink for a person(s) with a disability in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 226, 226.1, 902, 305 and 306.

38. To the best of Plaintiff's belief and knowledge, Defendants have failed to eliminate the specific violations set forth in paragraph 37 herein.

39. Although Defendants are charged with having knowledge of the violations, Defendants may not have actual knowledge of said violations until this Complaint makes Defendants aware of same.

40. To date, the readily achievable barriers and other violations of the ADA still exist and have not been remedied or altered in such a way as to effectuate compliance with the provisions of the ADA.

41. As the owner, lessor, lessee or operator of the Premises, Defendants are required to comply with the ADA. To the extent the Premises, or portions thereof, existed and were occupied prior to January 26, 1992, the owner, lessor, lessee or operator has been under a continuing obligation to remove architectural barriers at the Premises where removal was readily achievable, as required by 28 C.F.R. §36.402.

42. To the extent the Premises, or portions thereof, were constructed for occupancy after January 26, 1993 the owner, lessor, lessee or operator of the Premises was under an obligation to design and construct such Premises such that it is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, as required by 28 C.F.R. §36.401.

43. Plaintiff has retained the undersigned counsel for the filing and prosecution of this action. Plaintiff is entitled to have his reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and expenses paid by Defendants, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 12205.

44. All of the above violations are readily achievable to modify in order to bring the Premises into compliance with the ADA.

45. In instance(s) where the 2010 ADAAG standard does not apply, the 1991 ADAAG standard applies and all of the violations listed in paragraph 37 herein can be applied to the 1991 ADAAG standards.

46. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 12188, this Court is vested with the authority to grant Plaintiff's injunctive relief, including an order to alter the subject facility to make them readily accessible to and useable by individuals with disabilities to the extent required by the ADA and closing the Subject Facility until the requisite modifications are completed.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants and requests the following injunctive and declaratory relief:

1. That this Court declares that the Premises owned, operated and/or controlled by Defendants are in violation of the ADA;
2. That this Court enter an Order requiring Defendants to alter their facilities to make them accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities to the full extent required by Title III of the ADA;
3. That this Court enter an Order directing the Defendants to evaluate and neutralize their policies, practices and procedures toward persons with disabilities, for such reasonable time so as to allow the Defendants to undertake and complete corrective procedures to Premises;
4. That this Court award reasonable attorney's fees, all costs (including, but not limited to the court costs and expert fees) and other expenses of suit to the Plaintiff; and,
5. That this Court award such other and further relief as it may deem necessary, just and proper.

COUNT II
BREACH OF CONTRACT

47. Plaintiff adopts and re-alleges the allegations stated in paragraphs 1 through 27 above as if fully stated herein.

48. On or about October 14, 2020, Plaintiff and Defendants entered into a Global Settlement Agreement and Release. [Exhibit A] Through this settlement agreement, Defendants agreed to make modifications to the Premises as outlined in the agreement. The Global Settlement

Agreement and Release required Defendants The Settlement Agreement and Release required Defendants to:

- a. Perform all modifications at Trattoria Romana as required by Plaintiff's Preliminary Expert Report by on or about October 16, 2021.
 - b. Perform all modifications at Luff's Fish House as required by Plaintiff's Preliminary Expert Report by on or about October 16, 2021.
 - c. Perform all modifications at Cannoli Kitchen as required by Plaintiff's Preliminary Expert Report by on or about October 16, 2022.
49. Plaintiff has performed all conditions precedent to be performed by him under the Agreement.
50. Defendants failed to complete the modifications promised in the settlement agreement by the dates referenced in Paragraph 48. Specifically, Defendants have failed to address the following violations:

I. Luff's Fish House

Outdoor Patio Seating West Side of Restaurant

- a. Failure to provide seating for a person(s) with a disability that has the correct clear floor space for forward approach in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 902, 902.2, 305 and 306.
- b. Failure to provide a sufficient amount of seating when dining surfaces are provided for the consumption of food or drink for a person(s) with a disability in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 226, 226.1, 902, 305 and 306.

Access to Bar and Restrooms West Side of Patio

- c. Providing a swinging door or gate with improper maneuvering clearance(s) due to a wall or some other obstruction in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 404, 404.1, 404.2, 404.2.4 and 404.2.4.1.

Ramp East and West Patio to Lower Level

- d. Failure to provide bilateral handrails on a ramp that has a rise greater than 6 inches or in a horizontal projection greater than 72 inches in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 405, 405.1, 405.8, 505 and/or §4.8.5 of the 1991 ADA Standards.

Outdoor Patio Seating East Side of Restaurant

- e. Failure to provide seating for a person(s) with a disability that has the correct clear floor space for forward approach in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 902, 902.2, 305 and 306.
- f. Failure to provide a sufficient amount of seating when dining surfaces are provided for the consumption of food or drink for a person(s) with a disability in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 226, 226.1, 902, 305 and 306.

Outdoor Seating in Front of Restaurant

- g. Failure to provide seating for a person(s) with a disability that has the correct clear floor space for forward approach in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 902, 902.2, 305 and 306.
- h. Failure to provide a sufficient amount of seating when dining surfaces are provided for the consumption of food or drink for a person(s) with a disability in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 226, 226.1, 902, 305 and 306.

Indoor Restaurant Seating

- i. Failure to provide seating for a person(s) with a disability that has the correct clear floor space for forward approach in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 902, 902.2, 305 and 306.
- j. Failure to provide a sufficient amount of seating when dining surfaces are provided for the consumption of food or drink for a person(s) with a disability in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 226, 226.1, 902, 305 and 306.

Accessible Restroom South

- k. Failure to provide the proper insulation or protection for plumbing or other sharp or abrasive objects under a sink or countertop in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 606 and 606.5.
- l. Providing a swinging door or gate with improper maneuvering clearance(s) due to a wall or some other obstruction in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 404, 404.1, 404.2, 404.2.4 and 404.2.4.1.
- m. Failure to provide paper towel dispenser at the correct height above the finished floor in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 606, 606.1 and 308.
- n. Failure to provide sufficient clear floor space around a water closet without any obstructing elements in this space in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 4.22.3, 603, 603.2.3, 604, 604.3 and 604.3.1.
- o. Failure to provide sufficient clear floor space around a water closet without any obstructing elements in this space in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 4.22.3, 603, 603.2.3, 604, 604.3 and 604.3.1. (trash can)
- p. Failure to provide mirror(s) located above lavatories or countertops at the proper height above the finished floor in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 603 and 603.3.

- q. Failure to provide proper knee clearance for a person with a disability under a counter or sink element in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 306, 306.1 306.3, 606 and 606.2
- r. Failure to provide toilet paper dispensers in the proper position in front of the water closet or at the correct height above the finished floor in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 604, 604.7 and 309.4.

Accessible Restroom West

- s. Failure to provide the correct spacing for a forward or parallel approach to an element due to a wall or some other obstruction in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 305 and 306.
- t. Failure to provide the proper insulation or protection for plumbing or other sharp or abrasive objects under a sink or countertop in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 606 and 606.5.
- u. Failure to provide mirror(s) located above lavatories or countertops at the proper height above the finished floor in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 603 and 603.3.
- v. Failure to provide paper towel dispenser at the correct height above the finished floor in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 606, 606.1 and 308.

Pathway to Restrooms

- w. Failure to provide a doorway or walkway with a minimum clear width for person(s) with a disability in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 403, 403.5, 403.5.1 and 404.2.3.

Main Bar

- x. Providing counter heights exceeding 36 inches making it impossible to service a person with a disability in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 904, 904.4, 904.4.1, 904.4.2, 305 and 306.
- y. Failure to provide accessible seating for person(s) with a disability at a bar or adjacent table in the bar area, recreational area or a table area adjacent to a pool for food or beverage service, or at a computer work surface such as in a business center, in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 902, 902.1, 902.2, 902.3, 305, 306 and/or §4.32.4 of the 1991 ADA Standards.
- z. Failure to provide seating for a person(s) with a disability that has the correct clear floor space for forward approach in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 902, 902.2, 305 and 306.
- aa. Failure to provide a sufficient amount of seating when dining surfaces are provided for the consumption of food or drink for a person(s) with a disability in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 226, 226.1, 902, 305 and 306.

II. Trattoria Romana

Outdoor Seating

- a. Failure to provide seating for a person(s) with a disability that has the correct clear floor space for forward approach in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 902, 902.2, 305 and 306.
- b. Failure to provide a sufficient amount of seating when dining surfaces are provided for the consumption of food or drink for a person(s) with a disability in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 226, 226.1, 902, 305 and 306.

Bar and Bar Area

- c. Providing counter heights exceeding 36 inches making it impossible to service a person with a disability in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 904, 904.4, 904.4.1, 904.4.2, 305 and 306.
- d. Failure to provide accessible seating for person(s) with a disability at a bar or adjacent table in the bar area, recreational area or a table area adjacent to a pool for food or beverage service, or at a computer work surface such as in a business center, in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 902, 902.1, 902.2, 902.3, 305, 306 and/or §4.32.4 of the 1991 ADA Standards.
- e. Failure to provide required accessible seating for person(s) with a disability at a bar or adjacent table exceeding 34 inches in the bar area in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 902, 902.1, 902.3
- f. Failure to provide seating for a person(s) with a disability that has the correct clear floor space for forward approach in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 902, 902.2, 305 and 306.
- g. Failure to provide a sufficient amount of seating when dining surfaces are provided for the consumption of food or drink for a person(s) with a disability in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 226, 226.1, 902, 305 and 306.

Men's Restroom General

- h. Failure to provide the proper insulation or protection for plumbing or other sharp or abrasive objects under a sink or countertop in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 606 and 606.5.

- i. Providing sinks and/or countertops that are greater than the 34 inch maximum allowed above the finished floor or ground in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§606 and 606.3.
- j. Failure to provide mirror(s) located above lavatories or countertops at the proper height above the finished floor in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 603 and 603.3.
- k. Failure to provide paper towel dispenser at the correct height above the finished floor in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 606, 606.1 and 308.

Men's Restroom Accessible Stall

- l. Failure to provide flush controls located on the open side of the water closet in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§309, 309.4, 604 and 604.6
- m. Failure to provide grab bars at 33 inches minimum and 36 inches maximum above the finished floor measured to the top of the gripping surface in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 609, 609.4 and 609.7.
- n. Failure to provide grab bars at 33 inches minimum and 36 inches maximum above the finished floor measured to the top of the gripping surface in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 609, 609.4 and 609.7.
- o. Failure to provide a coat hook within the proper reach ranges for a person with a disability in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 603, 603.4 and 308.
- p. Failure to provide operable parts that are functional or are in the proper reach ranges as required for a person with a disability in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 309, 309.1, 309.3, 309.4 and 308.

- q. Failure to provide the proper insulation or protection for plumbing or other sharp or abrasive objects under a sink or countertop in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 606 and 606.5.
- r. Failure to provide proper knee clearance for a person with a disability under a counter or sink element in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 306, 306.1 306.3, 606 and 606.2
- s. Failure to provide a coat hook within the proper reach ranges for a person with a disability in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 603, 603.4 and 308.
- t. Failure to provide paper towel dispenser at the correct height above the finished floor in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 606, 606.1 and 308.
- u. Providing grab bars of improper horizontal length or spacing as required along the rear or side wall in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 604, 604.5, 604.5.1 and 604.5.2.

III. Cannoli Kitchen

Men's Restroom General

- a. Failure to provide proper signage for an accessible restroom or failure to redirect a person with a disability to the closest available accessible restroom facility in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 216, 216.2, 216.6, 216.8, 603, 703, 703.1, 703.2, 703.5 and 703.7.2.1.
- b. Failure to provide soap dispenser at the correct height above the finished floor in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 606, 606.1 and 308.
- c. Failure to provide the correct spacing for a forward or parallel approach to an element due to a wall or some other obstruction in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 305 and 306.

- d. Failure to provide proper knee clearance for a person with a disability under a counter or sink element in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 306, 306.1 306.3, 606 and 606.2
- e. Failure to provide the proper insulation or protection for plumbing or other sharp or abrasive objects under a sink or countertop in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 606 and 606.5.
- f. Failure to provide mirror(s) located above lavatories or countertops at the proper height above the finished floor in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 603 and 603.3.

Men's Restroom Accessible Stall

- g. Providing grab bars of improper horizontal length or spacing as required along the rear wall in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 604, 604.5, 604.5.1 and 604.5.2.
- h. Providing grab bars of improper horizontal length or spacing as required along the side wall in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 604, 604.5, 604.5.1 and 604.5.2.
- i. Failure to provide mirror(s) located above lavatories or countertops at the proper height above the finished floor in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 603 and 603.3.
- j. Failure to provide the proper spacing between a grab bar and an object projecting out of the wall in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 609, 609.1 and 609.3. (soap dispenser)
- k. Failure to provide paper towel dispenser at the correct height above the finished floor in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 606, 606.1 and 308.
- l. Failure to provide operable parts that are functional or are in the proper reach ranges as required for a person with a disability in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 309, 309.1, 309.3, 309.4 and 308.

- m. Failure to provide a coat hook within the proper reach ranges for a person with a disability in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 603, 603.4 and 308.
- n. Failure to provide proper knee clearance for a person with a disability under a counter or sink element in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 306, 306.1 306.3, 606 and 606.2

Outdoor Seating

- o. Failure to provide seating for a person(s) with a disability that has the correct clear floor space for forward approach in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 902, 902.2, 305 and 306.
- p. Failure to provide a sufficient amount of seating when dining surfaces are provided for the consumption of food or drink for a person(s) with a disability in violation of 2010 ADAAG §§ 226, 226.1, 902, 305 and 306.

51. Plaintiff has been damaged by the Defendants' breach of the settlement agreement. Specifically, Plaintiff has had to retain the services of the undersigned attorney to pursue this action for breach of contract.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants and requests the following injunctive and declaratory relief:

1. That this Court declares that Defendants have failed to comply the Global Settlement Agreement and Release;
2. That this Court enter an Order requiring Defendants to alter their facilities to make them accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities to the full extent required by Title III of the ADA;

3. That this Court award reasonable attorney's fees, all costs (including, but not limited to the court costs and expert fees) and other expenses of suit to the Plaintiff and as provided in the Global Settlement Agreement and Release; and,
4. That this Court award such other and further relief as it may deem necessary, just and proper.

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